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This is a request for filing a CONTINUATION X DIVISIONAL
CONTINUATION-IN-PART application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b), of
pending prior application Serial No. 09/465,674 filed, on December 17,
1999 of

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TONER CONTAINER AND IMAGE FORMING METHOD AND APPARATUS USING SAME
Title of Invention

1. X Specification - 77 pages
2. X The prior application is assigned of record to Ricoh Company, Ltd., 3-6, Nakamagome 1-Chome, Ohta-ku, Tokyo, 143-8555, Japan.
3. A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
 is enclosed.
 was filed in the prior application and such status is still proper and desired.
4. X The filing fee is calculated as follows:

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				SMALL ENTITY	OTHER ENTITY	SMALL ENTITY	OTHER ENTITY
Total Claims	2-20	0	X	\$9	\$18	= \$	\$0
Independent Claims	1-3	0	X	\$43	\$86	= \$	\$0
Multiple Dependent Claims Presented <u> </u> Yes <u>X</u> No				\$145	\$290	= \$	\$0
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5. X A check in the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed.
6. X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees during the pendency of this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.
- X Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. \$1.16.
- X Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. \$1.17.
7. X Three copies of this sheet are enclosed.
8. X Cancel claims 1-116 and 119-138
9. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the following sentence:
10. X A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
11. X 30 Sheet(s) of informal X formal drawing(s) is/are enclosed.
12. X Applicant(s) hereby claim priority, under 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d), of the following foreign application(s):

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Certified Copy</u>
<u>10-365108</u>	<u>Japan</u>	<u>December 22, 1998</u>	<u>Submitted in S.N. 09/465,674</u>
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<u>11-108464</u>	<u>Japan</u>	<u>April 15, 1999</u>	<u>Submitted in S.N. 09/465,674</u>

13. Applicant(s) hereby claim priority, under 35 U.S.C. §119(e), of the following United States provisional application(s):

<u>Provisional Application No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
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14. X Applicant(s) hereby claim priority, under 35 U.S.C. §120, of the following United States Application(s), or Section 365 of any PCT International Application(s) designating the United States:

<u>Appl. Serial No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Status</u>
<u>09/465,674</u>	<u>December 17, 1999</u>	<u>Pending</u>
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15. X The power of attorney in the prior application is to:

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- (a) The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
- (b) X Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.

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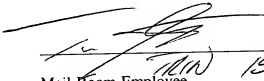
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I hereby certify that this divisional application of Seiji Terazawa et al., filed herewith, including a copy of prior application Serial No. 09/465,674 [including 77-page specification and 30 sheets of formal drawings (Figs. 1-36)], a copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney filed in Serial No. 09/465,674, Preliminary Amendment, Information Disclosure Statement (including Form PTO-1449), Transmittal Letter in triplicate, a check in the amount of \$770.00, and return postcard, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. §1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to Mail Stop Patent Application, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.


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